

COURSE OUTLINE
CHNS-102
Elementary Mandarin Chinese II
4 Semester Hours

HOWARD COMMUNITY COLLEGE

Description

In CHNS-102, students review Chinese characters isolated/connected forms; continue to create simple sentences using gender, plurals, pronouns, possession, verb forms, past and present tense, geographic place names, and the counting system through the introduction of meaningful vocabulary. Students will increase their proficiency in Chinese script and sound system, widen their working vocabulary, learn key grammatical points, practice conversation and expand their knowledge of Chinese culture. This course may be offered as self-instructional/tutor assisted.

Statement on General Education and Liberal Learning

A liberal education prepares students to lead ethical, productive, and creative lives and to understand how the pursuit of lifelong learning and critical thinking fosters good citizenship. General education courses form the core of a liberal education within the higher education curriculum and provide a coherent intellectual experience for all students by introducing the fundamental concepts and methods of inquiry in the areas of mathematics, the physical and natural sciences, the social sciences, the arts and the humanities, and composition. This course is part of the general education core experience at Howard Community College.

Overall Course Objectives

Upon completion of this course the student will be able to:

1. Recognize and write familiar words in the Chinese script
2. Create and read sentence level text and higher
3. Ask simple oral questions and respond accordingly
4. Identify and use key grammatical points
5. Comprehend basic text with greater facility
6. Request information
7. Appreciate the Chinese language as an expression of its culture

Major Topics

- I. Writing connected and disconnected letters
- II. Developing practical and working vocabulary strategies
- III. Discussing key grammar points critical to language comprehension
- IV. Introducing/practicing question and answer scenarios
- V. Using exercises and dialogues with practical situations
- VI. Incorporating meaningful, cultural topics through Chinese text

Course Requirements

Course requirements will vary with the instructor and may include quizzes, projects, oral presentations and exams.

Other Course Information

This course is an Arts and Science elective, a Humanities elective, and a Humanities core. This course is a core requirement for languages.